

The basis of our congregation's common fellowship is comprehended in the following:

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired and eternal Word of God. These Scriptures are the revealed Will of God to mankind and are the only infallible guide to Christian faith and practice.

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of all things, infinite in being and perfect in justice, wisdom, holiness, truth and love. He exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

WE BELIEVE that mankind was created in righteousness and holiness in the image of God, and his purpose was to glorify God. He was endowed with the power of rational and responsible choice, and through the test of his obedience, mankind fell from grace. He was alienated from God and now lives in sin. In sin, mankind is separated from God and unable to save himself; physically and spiritually.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. As the eternal Son of God, Jesus took upon Himself human form. Since He was born of the virgin Mary, He perfectly united the divine and human nature. We believe that God provided salvation from sin for mankind through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ upon the cross. In this way, Jesus took upon Himself the penalty of our sin, and all who believe in Him are justified because of His sacrificial death. We believe that on the third day Jesus Christ rose from the dead; that He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, where He intercedes for us until the time of His coming again. Then He will come personally and visibly to complete His saving work and to consummate the eternal plan of God.

WE BELIEVE in the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reveals to us the things of Christ, convicts us of sin, calls us to repentance, justifies us before God and carries on the process of renewal. The work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual Christian and congregation is witnessed by the evidence of the fruit of the Spirit and the ministry of the gifts of the Spirit.

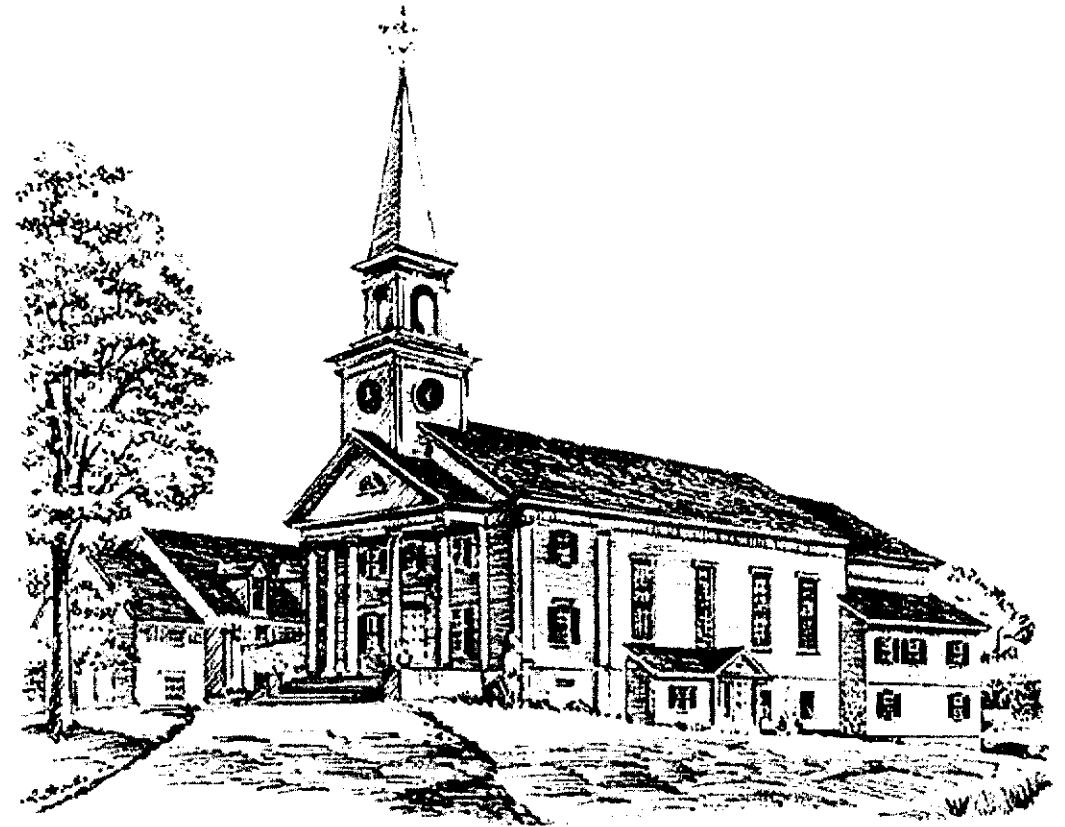
WE BELIEVE that salvation is wholly by grace, that God desires each person to seek Him, to repent of his sin, and to live a life characterized by obedience and holiness. We believe that those who are Christians are so not only in name but in nature. They have acknowledged Jesus Christ to be the Savior and Lord of their life and are growing in their knowledge of His Word and Will. The Christian life is a process of repentance and renewal that will not be complete until the consummation of the age.

WE BELIEVE He calls us into His church to accept the cost of discipleship. He requires us to be His servant in the service of mankind, to proclaim the Gospel to all the world and to resist the powers of evil. We are committed to observe the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and to proclaim to a lost world that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord.

Service for the Lord's Day

10⁰⁰ AM

Sunday, the 29th of May, Year of Our Lord 2016




Welcome!

RYE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

~ In the heart of Rye since 1726 ~

I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go up to the house of the Lord.

 Please use the opportunity afforded by the Prelude to prayerfully prepare for worship and assist us in establishing an atmosphere of reverence as the hour draws near.

Prelude: *Prelude in E Flat*

E.M. Flavell

(10⁰⁰ am)

{Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings}

Introit: *Prayer for God's Presence*

A. Dvořák & K. Bible

Call to Worship & Psalm of the Day: *(from Psalm 31 ~ A Psalm of David)*

In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Bow down Thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be Thou my strong rock, for an house of defense to save me.

For Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for Thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. Pull me out of the net they have laid for me: for Thou art my strength.

Into Thine hand I commit my spirit: Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

I will be glad and rejoice in Thy mercy: for Thou hast considered my trouble; Thou hast known my soul in adversities; And hast not given me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

I trusted in Thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God. My times are in Thy hand.

Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant: save me for Thy mercies' sake.

Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon Thee. Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee.

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of Thy presence from the pride of man: Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the LORD: for He hath shown me His marvelous kindness in a strong city.

O love the LORD, all ye His saints: for the LORD preserves the faithful, and plentifully rewards the proud doer. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD!


* Opening Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer *(forgive us our debts ...)*

* Those who are comfortably able, please stand. All others, please remain comfortably seated.

Happy the people whose God is the Lord.

 *Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.*

Choir Anthem: *Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones* O. Hatch, L. Alexander, & P. Naish

Children's Moment

Offertory: *Penitence*

J.L. Nicodé

* (#815) *Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

The Fellowship of the Believers

Acts 2:42-47 (page 1694)

* (#813) *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

The Beatitudes (part 1)

Matthew 5:1-5 (page 1501)

Sermon: *Heaven & Earth, and Comfort*

* Closing Hymn: *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

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* Benediction

Postlude: *Postlude in G*

S. Clark

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ~ John 15.13

(Hearing-aid headphones are available at the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary.)